

## **REMARKS**

The present Amendment is submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance and is in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312. It is submitted that entry of this amendment is clearly warranted under the present circumstances for the following reasons.

This amendment is presented to amend the specification to cross-reference the related applications, as acknowledged in the filing receipt mailed April 10, 2007, so as to obtain acknowledgement of the Applicants' claim of priority. A copy of the filing receipt is attached herewith. As can be seen on the filing receipt, the present application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/0158 filed on January 27, 2005, which is a CIP of U.S. 10/764,470 filed on January 27, 2004.

Entry of this amendment is proper in view of MPEP § 201.11, which states:

“If the reference to the prior application was previously submitted within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a), but not in the first sentence(s) of the specification or an application data sheet (ADS) as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a) (e.g., if the reference was submitted in an oath or declaration or the application transmitted letter), and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the first filing receipt, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t) are not required. Applicant is still required to submit the reference in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a) by filing an amendment to the first sentence(s) of the specification or an ADS.” (emphasis added).

Thus, in view of the above, since the filing receipt acknowledges the Applicants' claim of priority, the Applicants respectfully submit that it is proper to make a claim of priority by filing this amendment to the first sentence of the specification.

Consideration and entry of this amendment will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.

As such, it is submitted that entry of the present amendment is warranted, and such entry hereby is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

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**Foreign Applications**

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is  
**US10/586,240**

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**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

**Title**

Playback apparatus, playback authorization server, program, and system integrated

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